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## Bassano Ball Club May Join Irrigation League

Annual Meeting of Baseball Club to  
be Held Next Tuesday Evening—  
Propose Two Leagues for Irriga-  
tion District

Plans are shaping up for the formation of a baseball league in the irrigation belt which will include teams from Dutchess, Patricia, Rose-

mary, and Countess. The proposal is being discussed by local ball players, and will be taken up at the annual meeting of the Bassano Baseball Club to be held in the Town Hall Tuesday evening of next week.

April 4 at 8:00 o'clock.  
Last year Rosemary, Duchess, Patricia, Brooks and Ralrien formed a league and had a very successful season. It is suggested to have two leagues this year, the winner in each to play off the grand champion.

**Look for Good Year**  
Everyone interested in baseball is invited to the annual meeting next Tuesday evening. Officers will be elected and plans made for the 1936 season.

Bassano has had a winning ball team for the past few seasons. The club has won the majority of their games, and made an excellent showing in the various tournaments in

which they played. Most of last year's players will be available for this season, and it is expected that the local club will field a strong line-up.

**School Board  
Pares Estimates  
For Year 1933**

**Reduction of 1931 made in Estimated Expenses for 1932 Savings Made in Salaries and Other Items**

estimates of expense<sub>s</sub> for the Bassano school. Last year the estimates totaled \$10,634, while the figure for this year is \$9,703.

Savings have been effected by reduction of teachers' salaries, care-

taker's salary, fuel and light and other items. Teachers' salaries for 1932 were estimated at \$6,500, while the 1933 estimate is \$5,700. A one hundred dollar saving is estimated in fuel and light, and the caretaker's

The net demands from the town are estimated at \$6,800 this year.

The estimate of expenses does not include the cost of operating the extra high school room, which

financed by the collection of fees from pupils according to the schedule in the special high school plan.

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## GEM AMATEURS

## TO GIVE PLAY

"Pollyanna," a play adapted from the story of the same name written by Eleanor H. Porter, will be given by members of the Gem Community

The story has been read by millions of readers, and the play has also enjoyed a wide popularity. Now it is to be interpreted by the Gem

amateur players next Saturday night. The play is a four act comedy drama, requiring two and a half hours to present. It is a touching story, full of drama, comedy, and pathos and its presentation by

The curtain rises at 8:00 p.m. sharp, and the management advises all to be there on time. A free dance will follow the show to round out the evening's entertainment.

The Gem players have not announced the plans for showing "Pollyanna" at other points in the district, but it is possible they may bring this popular show to Bassano. The Gem Players last appeared in

Bassano about four years ago when they played "The Patsy" to a crowded house.

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"School fair" throughout Alberta will suffer a severe go-back through the provincial government's policy of withdrawing support to these organizations this year. Loss of the government grant will force many school fairs to close this year. These organizations do a splendid work among the boys and girls, and it is unfortunate that they are to lose the government's financial aid. As far as the Gem school fair is concerned, one official of the organization stated they would endeavor to carry on in spite of loss of the government.

Harsh criticism is being passed on the provincial government for its policy regarding motor car license fees. The government has shown uncertainty and lack of decision in this matter. It last minute announcement that car license fees would be reduced \$5 after April 1 is not fair to those who have already paid their license fees. Many motorists who paid their license fees before the announcement of reduction would have refrained from using their cars until after April 1 so as to get the benefit of the reduction.

Board of Trade members are considering the establishment of a municipal nursery. A proposal which was first made several years ago. A municipal owned nursery, if it could be operated at little expense, would be a splendid thing for Bassano. More trees are required every year for replantations and for setting out trees in new locations. By growing the trees right here they would be kept in perfect condition for transplanting, and certain items of expense would be eliminated. Then, too, hardwood trees, which must eventually replace the poplars, and also evergreens, could be raised in large quantities.

#### THE C. P. R. OFFER TO FARMERS

As a means of helping relieve the difficulties faced by the farmers on the Eastern Irrigation Project, the C. P. R. is making certain concessions for 1933 respecting the land contracts held by these farmers. Details of the plan are given in another column of this issue of The Mail.

Something certainly had to be done to ease the strained financial situation of these farmers. It is simply impossible for them to meet the terms of their contracts with farm produce selling at present low figures; and though there may be some improvement in these prices before next fall, it is very unlikely that the improvement will be sufficient to enable the irrigation farmer to meet his obligations.

Last year the company put into operation a one-year plan which included a crop-share agreement in order to meet conditions which are similar to those prevailing this year. This year the company has a somewhat similar plan laid out on more generous proportions.

Instead of the one-third share of the crop taken last year, the company is this year prepared to accept a one-fourth share. This gives the farmer a better deal. Another important feature of this year's plan is that providing for the company writing off a full year's interest and water rental if the contract holder pays one year's taxes. This will mean a big saving to the farmer.

The company has also a double credit scheme incorporated in the plan which gives the farmer double credit on arrears of interest and water rental for all money paid under the crop-share scheme or paid in cash according to the original land contract.

Taking into consideration the present price of farm produce and the market outlook, it would appear that, from the farmer's viewpoint, the crop-share agreement is a better proposition than the payment of one year's principal and interest.

The C. P. R. is somewhat tardy in making this offer to the farmers. The proposition should have been made to the contract holders many weeks ago so as to give him ample time for a thorough investigation before the commencement of the busy spring season.

The plan, of course, is only a temporary measure—an effort to meet this year's conditions so the farmer may "get by." Temporary measures applied from year to year are not satisfactory for the farmer; what is really needed is a plan covering a period of years which will give the farmer a sense of security and enable him to carry a modest living and at the same time meet his financial obligations. Perhaps this will come when economic conditions become more stable.



#### Add Some New Flowers

For the sake of interest alone it is a splendid practice to add a few new flowers to the list chosen every year. Without this little departure from the straight road, a garden will soon become staid and, too, the season may not suit some old favorite or that favorite may require fresh ground in which case the actual amount of bloom begins to fall off. It is a mistake also, to base likes and dislikes on the few years of a few years ago. In the last decade there has been amazing improvement in almost all flowers. Many of the angles now come also in double form and again some original doubles, like the asters, can only be obtained in beautiful singles. Stems have been altered, the buds are more numerous, the distance, coming in dwarf, medium and plant size, and this variation applying to bloom as well as plants. The modern snapdragon is another flower which would not be able to recognize its ancestor of only a few years back. It comes in small, intermediate and tall types, and will bloom even after the first frost in the fall. Cosmos is rather a common flower throughout a good deal of Canada, but not the cosmos that is listed in the recent catalogue of 1933. Here is a showy plant with single flowers three to four inches in diameter and doubles almost as big. Salsipennis should not be omitted from the well-balanced flower garden. Its glorified morning glory-like flowers come in rich reds, yellows, and purples with splashes of gold. For bouquet subjects, along with "marigolds" of various sizes and color combinations, scabiosa, carnations, sweet alyssum, calliopsis, zinnias, and cosmos, could not be overlooked.

#### Approved Vegetable Varieties

While the total number of vegetable varieties offered in Canada has grown well into the hundreds, seedmen and commercial market gardeners agree that in the following list the 1933 favorites for general use all appear: asparagus, Mary Washington; beans, Pearl Pod and Black Wax, round Pod Kidney Wax; Stringless Green Pod, with Kentucky Wonder and Kentucky Green Pod as pole sorts; celeris, Early Wonder and First Earliest for early use and Edmonds Blood Turnip and Detroit Dark Red for later; cabbage, Golden Acra as early followed by Copenhagen Market and Exhibition Glory for mid-season and Danish Ballhead for winter storage; corn, for earliest use Golden Gem and Golden Sunshine among the yellows, and Early Market and Early Cross in white, while Golden Bantam is the standard for general use among the yellows; and Stowell's Evergreen among the white; celery, Paris, Golden early plant strain for early use, Wonderful for the later crop, and the original Paris Golden for winter storage; cucumbers, Impulse, White Spine and Davis Perfect; lettuce, Grand Rapids is one of the best leaf sorts, while New York or Wonderful, Iceberg, and Non-Paral are the best of the head types; muskmelon, Orange, Golden Chameleon, and Bender's Surprise; onions, Yellow Globe Danvers, Red Westheadfield, Prize Taker, Yellow Globe and Prize Taker Red Globe among the standard sorts, while for early green use plant Dutch neck; peas, Laston's Progress, Thomas Laxton and Laxtonian are the best of the h g sorts where it is advisable though not necessary to provide some support, and Little Marvel and American Wonder among the dwarf; parsnip, Hollow Crown. No radishes are worth sowing unless they are grown quickly, but when hurried along with plenty of cultivation and fertilizer the following are guaranteed to melt in the mouth: Scarlet Turnip White Tip, Saxa, an all red, French Breakfast, and the Savoy Leafed Bloomsdale. Sw chard, Lucullus, the leafy part of this vegetable is used like spinach all summer and the stem as asparagus; tomatoes, Earliana, John Bae, Honey Best, Chalk's Early Jewel, and Livingston's Globe are standard sorts, and Grand Rapids and Sunrise for forcing or staking.

An Early Potato Tip  
It is quite possible to produce good sized new potatoes by early July in most parts of Canada, and this is the time the crop is really appreciated and worth some money. Risk a small planting just as soon as the ground works up nicely. To further hurry things along, for two or three weeks before planting spread the seed potatoes out in some front porch place where they will get as much sun as possible through the window. Soon, healthy, stout sprouts will appear and if planted carefully so as to avoid breaking off these, the crop will be through the ground in a few hours.

#### GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWALS

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL FARM  
Government Weed Supervision Also Discontinued — Schools of Agriculture Closed  
EDMONTON, March 27—Agricultural services throughout the province will be seriously curtailed this year as the result of drastic cuts made by the government in the estimates of this department. School fairs will be eliminated as will also appointment of district supervisors for weed control work, and any supervision of this kind must be arranged by the township officials. Discontinuance of all the agricultural services, with the exception of the principal and farm manager, have been released, and it is expected that only the Old school will be operated next winter. District agriculturists have been notified that they will be given a three-day holiday without pay during the year.

#### COUNTNESS NEWS

COUNTNESS, March 29—Mr. and Mrs. C. Kinkaid went to Dethen on Monday to spend the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Jordan moved to Edmonton on Saturday. Members of the U. P. A. put on a card party and dance at Countess Friday night which was well attended. Mrs. Geo. Thompson carried off lady's first prize, while gentleman's first went to Mr. Hingham, of Latham.

Mrs. B. D. Benjamin entertained a number of children on Tuesday in honor of Patsy Marquess' birthday. Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Marie, Robert and Paul Chamberlain, of Glen, were guests for dinner at the Bliss home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gamble and family are moving back to Countess from Calgary on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson and son Teddy, were callers at the Hildt home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. P. Sorenson entertained a number of friends on Sunday.

Ralph Ferguson, who has been ill since January 1 from flu, is still confined to his bed.

#### Last Chance

"Where is the cashier?"  
"Gone to the races."  
"Gone to the races in business house?"  
"Yes sir; it's his last chance to make the books balance."

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Fruit and Cream Centres, Hard Centres Assorted Centres and Family Package

EASTER CARDS now on display, from 5c to 50c each  
EASTER CANDY - Chocolate Easter Eggs - 3 for 10c up  
EGG DYES - Magic Wand, Chic-Chic, and Paas - 10c a pkg.  
EASTER NOVELTIES - 5c to \$1.00

#### STILES, The Druggist

#### Get Ready For Spring

If your car has been laid up for the winter you will now be thinking of getting it ready for spring and summer. Now is a good time to see that it is in good running order. Don't wait until something happens, for that may cause needless delay and expense.

Have your car checked over now and any needed adjustments or repairs made. It will save you time and trouble.

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